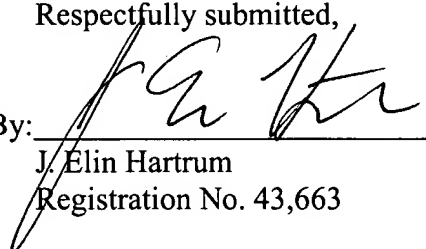


REMARKS

The amendments to the specification has been made to clarify that U.S. Government has certain rights in the application..

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APPENDIX A

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT INTEREST

The United States Government has certain rights in this invention pursuant to Contract No. DE-AC04-94AL85000 between the United States Department of Energy and the Sandia Corporation for the operation of the Sandia National Laboratory.